



## Erik Allen Frankwich

April 14, 1967 - May 12, 2015

Erik Allen Frankwich, 48 years old Orlando, FL April 14, 1969 - May 12, 2015  
LIFE

Erik was born on April 14, 1967 in West Mifflin, PA to his mother, Joanne Frankwich and father Edgar Allen Frankwich. Erik was a massage therapist for a time and lived in various locations throughout the country. He spent most of the '90's at the Springwater Zen Center in New York where he learned and practiced the art of silent awareness.

Erik graduated from Clemson with a degree in Biology prior to graduating from the University of Central Florida with a Master of Social Work Degree. He then became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He has worked in Child Welfare, Healthcare, and as a Psychotherapist in private practice. Most recently, he worked as an outpatient clinician with the UF Health Cancer Center where he provided therapy to patients and families. Erik was a committed clinician who provided excellent psychotherapeutic care to his clients. He was also an incredible advocate who worked tirelessly dismantling any potential barriers to optimal client care.

Erik was an agent of change and a voice for justice; not only in his professional life, but in his personal life as well. He would not stand for inequality or unfair practice in any capacity and he was not shy about saying

so. When he spoke against injustice, he did so in a way that was nearly impossible to argue with because Erik's compassion was rivaled only by his intelligence - and he had the audacity to be humble about all of this. Erik had a wonderful sense of humor. He could make the sad things funny in a way that was somehow acceptable but might not be tolerated if attempted by others... and he had the most genuine smile. Erik could make you laugh, challenge you to think, and make you feel completely supported and he knew when you needed which.

#### FAMILY

Erik is survived by his husband Kenneth Hardy, his sons Guthrie Chen, and James Frankwich, his mother Joanne Frankwich and his sister Wendy Dhillon. He has too many friends to name but many of them would call Erik family. Erik was a truly wonderful person who will be missed by many but never forgotten.

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I worked with Erik a couple of years ago. Erik was one of the Behavioral Health Coaches on our team and we're all so shocked and saddened to hear the news of his passing. We just found out as one of our team members was searching his contact information. Our deepest sympathy to his friends and family. Erik was a great team player and such a pleasure to work with.

Liza Derbalian-Cordero - June 14, 2016 at 03:49 PM

J.  
Drew  
Lanham

“ Shocked and saddened to learn of Erik's passing. He and I came through zoology together at Clemson and traveled on research project to the coast. Peace Erik.

J. Drew Lanham - March 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM

JB

“ James, Lisa, Julio, Chris, Jack & Bill purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Erik Allen Frankwich.



James, Lisa, Julio, Chris, Jack & Bill - May 16, 2015 at 04:33 PM

DP


“ Dear Wenona, other family members of Erik and close friends,

*I am sorry to hear of the passing of Erik. When Erik lived in Rochester, NY we had lots of fun together at various unschooling gatherings. I am glad I had the opportunity to share a bit of time together. He will be missed.*

*Diana Pryntz*

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**Diana Pryntz** - May 15, 2015 at 07:36 PM

 Kelvin Hardy

“ *I meet Eric through my brother now I feel like I lost a brother. The biggest smile I have ever seen .*



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**Kelvin Hardy** - May 14, 2015 at 08:52 PM

KB

“ *I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the family of Erik. I had the pleasure of working closely with Erik at both Kids Hope United and Gulf Coast. Erik was my right hand at work, someone I could always depend on. I will truly miss his sense of humor and how honest he was. May you rest in peace Erik!*

*Sincerely,*

*Kimah Burrell*

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**Kimah Burrell** - May 14, 2015 at 07:38 PM

CR

*He was so wonderful.*

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**Crystal** - May 15, 2015 at 03:47 PM

LA

*Erik was my coworker and my friend. He listened to all my crazy stories and never judged. He was funny, smart, caring and loving. He loved his kids dearly. He also loved Kenneth so much and cherished their life together in so many small ways. I will miss our talks and his friendship. We had some fun times at the hospital and shared many laughs together over the years. I will miss you Erik. Thanks for the gift of you. Your life taught me more than I can express in words. Your forever friend~ Laurie*

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**Laurie** - May 18, 2015 at 09:16 AM

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“ Teri Horgan-Dulak lit a candle in memory of Erik Allen Frankwich



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**Teri Horgan-Dulak** - May 14, 2015 at 01:54 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Frankwich family. I have known Erik since I was 2 years old. We had many, many good times; I will forever cherish those memories. He was always there for me through laughter and tears; mostly laughter! I cannot express the pain I am feeling with his passing. I'm going to miss our conversations Erik, may you rest in peace. Tia and Tony forever!!!

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**Teri Horgan-Dulak** - May 14, 2015 at 01:49 PM

Jodi  
Kraeuter  
Klebick

“ Words cannot express my deepest sympathy to Erik's family. He was a light to everyone who knew him. We went to high school together, worked at Service Merchandise together, and celebrated our post-Prom by getting a stern warning from a Park Ranger for our noisy shenanigans at Ohiopyle State Park. We reconnected many years later and he was still the warm, caring, smart and funny Erik I always knew, with an unabashed life force and a keen sense of social justice. He will be painfully missed. Rest in peace, Erik.



Jodi Kraeuter Klebick - May 14, 2015 at 10:22 AM

LA

“ I want to let you know how very sorry I am for your loss. I remember laughing all through middle and high school with Erik. He always knew what to say to lighten the mood or to bring a smile to someone's face. He was one of my favorite people back then and helped me sort out many problems. I was so blessed to have his friendship. I hope that you find comfort in knowing that others remember what a kind, caring, funny, honorable person he was. One of a kind.



Lisa Ager - May 13, 2015 at 08:38 PM

CW

I am so sorry to hear of Erik's passing. Years ago when his family was homeschooling in Rochester, I remember his many helpful and informative posts to our group's list, as a homeschooling dad. These words comforted me when my father died, so I pass them on: "Do not be concerned about the depths of your grief, for they measure the depths of your love."

Christie Waldman - May 16, 2015 at 04:27 PM

AM

*Erik was a such a creative and energetic member of our unschooling group in Rochester, and a real standout as an involved father. It was great having another homeschooling family right in our neighborhood. After all these years, I clearly remember his pride in Wenona's artwork, and an afternoon we spent sitting on my dining room floor, right on the wood floor like kids, talking about his experiences studying social work while Wenona played nearby. I learned a lot that day! Deepest sympathy to Wenona, Erik's family, and all who are missing him.*

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**Amy Mantell** - May 16, 2015 at 11:38 PM